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WSP PARTICIPATES IN NATIONWIDE BRAKE CHECK

The Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division participated in "Operation Air Brake", on May 6, 2004. The event is a one-day inspection of commercial motor vehicles sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance to promote airbrake safety.

Commercial Vehicle Division personnel inspected 592 commercial vehicles placing 141 out of service for brake related problems. During the operation, 1,451 manual slack adjusters were inspected with 10.9 percent found to be out of adjustment. In addition, 3,436 automatic slack adjusters were checked with 4.5 percent found to be out of adjustment.

Captain Coral Estes stated, "The men and women of the Commercial Vehicle Division did an outstanding job in promoting commercial motor vehicle safety during this event." Operation Air Brake is held twice a year in all 50 states, Canada and Mexico.

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